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In re Application of :
Hiroshi Kobata et al :
Application No. 10/766,871 : **ON PETITION**
Filed: January 30, 2004 :
Attorney Docket No. 11365-052001 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 26, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

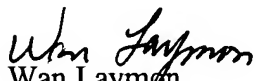
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice) mailed June 14, 2004. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 15, 2004.

The statement of unintentional delay presented in the petition does not comply with the current rule. Effective December 1, 1997, 37 C.F.R. §1.137 (b)(3) requires a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) was unintentional" be submitted. However, the statement presented will be accepted and construed as meaning that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) was unintentional." If this is an incorrect interpretation in view of the rules, petitioner is required to provide a statement to that effect.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (571) 272-3220.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination.


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